

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of selecting software components for installation on a client computing device~~computer~~, the method comprising ~~the acts of:~~

receiving from the client computing device, a request for the upgrade of a first one or more software components capable of being processed by the client computing device;

determining receiving configuration information regarding a software configuration one or more system conditions regarding of the client computing device~~computer;~~

determining whether including information regarding at least one additional software component that is necessary for the execution of the requested first one software components and that has been determined to be missing from the client computing device~~computer; is located at the computer; and~~

identifying a second one or more software components for installation on the client computing device~~computer~~ based at least in part upon the request and the ~~system conditions~~configuration information, the second one or more software components including the at least one additional software component determined to be missing from the client computing device; and

transmitting the second one or more software components to the client computing device~~computer.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, additionally comprising the act of receiving a configuration file that is associated with the request for the upgrade, the configuration file identifying at least said first one or more components.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 2, additionally comprising including ~~the act of~~ associating an expiration time with the configuration file.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 3, additionally comprising ~~the acts of:~~

determining whether the expiration time indicates that the configuration file has expired; and

stopping said identifying ~~the identification step~~ upon the determination that the configuration has expired.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 2, additionally comprising reading only an identifier in the configuration file; and sending at least a portion of the contents of the configuration file to a component server.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 2, additionally comprising: ~~the act of~~ sending at least some of the contents of the configuration file to a component server, the component server performing said ~~the identifying step~~.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 2, additionally comprising reading an identifier in the configuration file; and sending at least a portion of the configuration file to a component server.
8. (Original) The method of Claim 2, additionally comprising storing the configuration file on a configuration server.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the ~~system conditions~~ software configuration includes the existence of one or more computer-readable modules on the client computing device ~~computer~~.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the ~~system conditions~~ software configuration includes a language that is associated with one or more computer-readable modules that reside on the client computing device ~~computer~~.
11. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the software configuration ~~system conditions~~ includes a ~~the~~ type of operating system that is executing on the client computing device ~~computer~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, additionally comprising: ~~the act of~~ identifying one or more programs upon receiving the request, the one or more programs being associated with at least one of said first one or more components.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer system having a configuration subject to change over time, the system comprising:

a first computer having one or more system resources;

a second computer operably connected to the first computer, the second computer associated with one or more installable components and equipped to receive a request for an upgrade of one or more components from the first computer;

a configuration file that is readable by the first computer, the configuration file identifying at least one ~~requested component to be upgraded;~~

an upgrade manager executing on the first computer, the upgrade manager configured to transmit information about the system resources of the first computer to the second computer, the information including indication of components of an operating system that is executing in the first computer; and

an upgrade handler executing on the second computer, the upgrade handler configured to identify the location of one or more installable components ~~from the second computer to the first computer~~ based upon the at least one ~~requested component to be upgraded~~ and the system resources of the first computer including the indication of components of an operating system that is executing in the first computer.

14. (Original) The computer system of Claim 13, wherein the configuration file is formatted for access by the upgrade handler.

15. (Original) The computer system of Claim 13, wherein the configuration file has an associated expiration time.

16. (Original) The computer system of Claim 13, wherein the upgrade manager retrieves the configuration file without parsing contents of the configuration file and wherein the upgrade manager transmits the configuration file to the upgrade handler.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 13, wherein the upgrade manager parses the content of the of the configuration file and transmits the content to the upgrade handler.

18. (Original) The computer system of Claim 13, additionally comprising a network, the first computer being in operable communication with the second computer via the network.

19. (Currently Amended) A system for installing one or more components on a client computing device~~computer~~, the system including:

a client computing device~~computer~~ operably connected with ~~the~~ a network, the client computing device~~computer~~ identifying one or more client conditions including operating system components that are executing on the client computing device~~computer~~;

a configuration file identifying at least one of the components, the configuration file being provided to the client computing device by a configuration computer via a network; and

a component server for receiving the client conditions and the configuration file from the client computing device~~computer~~, the component server identifying the location of one or more components based upon the components identified by the configuration file and the client conditions including the type of identified operating system components that are executing on the client computing device.

20. (Currently Amended) A system for selecting components for installation on a client computing device~~computer~~, the system comprising:

means for receiving a request for the upgrade of one or more components from a client computing device via a network;

means for determining one or more system conditions regarding the client computing device~~computer~~, the system conditions including a type of operating system that is executing on the client computing device~~computer~~; and

means for identifying one or more components based upon the request and the system conditions including the type of operating system that is executing on the client computing device; and

transmitting the identified components to the client computing device~~computer~~ via the network;

21. (Original) The system of Claim 20, additionally comprising means for receiving a configuration file that is associated with the request for the upgrade, the configuration file identifying one or more components to be upgraded.

22. (Original) The system of Claim 21, additionally including means for associating an expiration time with the configuration file.

23. (Original) The system of Claim 22, additionally comprising:
means for determining whether the expiration time indicates that the configuration file has expired; and
means for stopping the means for identification upon a determination that the configuration file has expired.

24. (Original) The method of Claim 21, additionally comprising means for sending the configuration file to a component server, the component server including the means for identifying.

25. (Original) The system of Claim 21, additionally comprising means for sending at least some of the contents of the configuration file to a component server, the component server including the means for identifying.

26. (Original) The system of Claim 21, additionally comprising means for storing the configuration file on a configuration server.

27. (Original) The system of Claim 20, wherein the system conditions include the existence of one or more computer readable modules on the computer.

28. (Original) The system of Claim 20, wherein the system conditions include a language that is associated with one or more computer-readable modules that reside on the computer.

29. (Original) The system of Claim 20, wherein the system conditions include the type of operating system that is executing on the computer.

30. (Original) The system of Claim 20, additionally comprising means for identifying one or more program files upon receiving the request, the one or more program files being associated with at least one of said one or more components.

31. Cancelled

32. (Currently Amended) A method of selecting components for installation on a computer, the method comprising the acts of:

receiving a request for the upgrade of one or more components from a computer on a network; and

identifying one or more components for installation on the computer based upon the request and the system conditions of the computer, the system conditions including a characteristic of an operating system that is executing on the computer and;

transmitting the identified components to the computer via the network.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 32, additionally comprising ~~the act of~~ receiving a configuration file that is associated with the request for the upgrade, the configuration file identifying said one or more components.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 32, additionally ~~including the act of~~ comprising associating an expiration time with the configuration file.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 34, additionally comprising ~~the acts of~~:

determining whether the expiration time indicates that the configuration file has expired; and

stopping the identification step upon the determination that the configuration has expired.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 33, additionally comprising ~~the act of~~ sending the configuration file to a component server, the component server performing the identifying step.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 33, additionally comprising ~~the act of~~ sending at least some of the contents of the configuration file to a component server, the component server performing the identifying step.

38. (Currently Amended) A system for selecting components for installing, the system comprising:

a client computing device ~~computer~~ having a processor, a computer-readable storage medium and data communication subsystem; and

an upgrade manager executing on the client computing device ~~computer~~, wherein the upgrade manager retrieves via the data communication subsystem a configuration file identifying one or more components, wherein the upgrade manager stores the configuration file in the computer-readable storage medium, and wherein the upgrade manager identifies one or more client conditions that are associated with the client computing device ~~computer~~, the ~~system-client~~ conditions including features of ~~the~~ an operating system that is executing on the client computing device ~~computer~~, and wherein the upgrade manager generates an upgrade request that includes the contents of the configuration file and the client conditions including the type of operating system that is executing on the client computing device, the upgrade manager transmitting the upgrade request to a server computer and in response receiving components that have been selected based upon the contents of the configuration file and the type of operating system that is executing on the client computing device.

39. (Currently Amended) A system for selecting components for installation, the system comprising:

a server computer having a processor, a computer-readable storage medium and data communication subsystem; and

an upgrade handler residing in the computer-readable storage medium and executing on the server computer, the upgrade handler configured to identify the location of one or more components upon receiving via the data communication subsystem one or more system conditions of a client computing device~~computer~~, the system conditions including indications about an operating system that is executing on the client computing device~~computer~~, the identified components being compatible with the operating system that is executing on the client computing device, and the server computer transmitting the location of the identified components to the client computing device.

40. Cancelled.

41. (Currently Amended) A method of selecting components for installation on a computer, the method comprising:

determining one or more client conditions regarding the computer, the client conditions including one or more operating system components that are executing on the computer;

transmitting a request for the upgrade of one or more components to a server computer via a network, the request for upgrade including the determined client conditions; and

receiving the requested components, the components being compatible with the operating system that is executing on the computer;

installing one or more components on the computer ~~based upon the client conditions.~~

42. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 41, additionally comprising:

Receiving a configuration file in response to the request for the upgrade, the configuration file being related to at least one of the components.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 42, further comprising associating an expiration time with the configuration file.
44. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 42, further comprising:
determining whether the expiration time indicates that the configuration file has expired; and
stopping the identification step upon the determination that the configuration has expired.
45. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 42, additionally comprising:
sending the configuration file to a component server to identify one or more of the components.
46. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 42, additionally comprising:
sending at least some of the contents of the configuration file to a component server to identify one or more of the components.
47. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 19, wherein the client conditions include a user identification number that is associated with the user.
48. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 19, wherein the client conditions include a preferred language.
49. Cancelled
50. Cancelled
51. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 38, wherein the client conditions includes a user identification number that is associated with the user.
52. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 38, wherein the client conditions include a preferred language.

53. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 39, wherein the client conditions include a user identification number that is associated with the user.

54. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 39, wherein the client conditions include a preferred language.

55. Cancelled.

56. Cancelled.

57. (New) A data distribution network comprising:

a client computer operative to execute a computer operating system stored on a computer readable storage device communicatively coupled to the client computer and to store a client profile indicating a system resource condition for the client computer on the computer readable storage device;

a server computer communicatively coupled to the client computer via the network, the server computer associated with one or more installable software components and equipped to receive a request for an upgrade of one or more of the software components from the client computer;

a configuration file stored at the server computer that is accessible by the client computer, the configuration file identifying at least one upgradable software component to be requested by the client computer as a software component to be upgraded;

an upgrade manager executing on the client computer, the upgrade manager configured to transmit information about the system resource condition of the client computer to the server computer via the network, the information about the system resource condition identifying software components of an operating system executing on the client computer; and

an upgrade handler executing on the server computer, the upgrade handler configured to identify the location of at least one upgradable software component requested by the client computer as a software component to be upgraded based upon

the request and the system resource condition of the client computer including the identified software components of the operating system that is executing in the client computer.

58. (New) The network of Claim 57, wherein the upgrade manager parses the content of the configuration file and transmits the content to the upgrade handler.

59. (New) A system for installing one or more streaming media associated files on a client computing device, the system including:

- a client computing device communicatively coupled with a communications network, the client computing device identifying one or more client conditions including operating system components that are executing on the client computing device;

- a configuration computer communicatively coupled to the client computing device via the network to provide the client computing device with access to a configuration file identifying at least one of the operating system components as having an upgraded version available for download by the client computing device upon request; and

- a component server for receiving a request from the client computing device requesting an upgraded version of one or more operating system components as well as a representation of the client conditions and the configuration file from the client computing device, and in response the component server identifying to the client computing device the location of one or more streaming media components other than the requested one or more operating system components that are also determined to be necessary for operation of the requested one or more operating system components by the client computing device, the streaming media components determined based upon the operating system components identified by the configuration file and based upon the client conditions including the operating system components that are executing on the client computing device.

60. (New) The system of Claim 59, wherein the configuration file identifies one or more streaming media components.

61. (New) A client computing device comprising:

a processor, a computer-readable storage medium and data communication subsystem; and

an upgrade manager stored on the computer-readable storage medium and operable to

retrieve via the data communication subsystem a configuration file identifying one or more software components for which an upgrade is available for download,

store the configuration file in the computer-readable storage medium, identify one or more client conditions that are associated with the client computing device, the client conditions including features of an operating system that is executing on the client computing device,

generate an upgrade request that includes at least a portion of the contents of the configuration file and the client conditions including the type of operating system that is executing on the client computing device,

transmit the upgrade request to one or more of a plurality of server computers and

in response, receive one or more components that have been selected by the client computing device and at least one component in addition to those selected based upon the contents of the configuration file and the type of operating system that is executing on the client computing device.

62. (New) The client computing device of claim 61, wherein the one or more of a plurality of server computers are identified by the configuration file.

63. (New) The client computing device of claim 61, wherein configuration file identifies one or more streaming media associated components for which an upgrade is available for download.

64. (New) The client computing device of claim 61, wherein the at least one component in addition to those selected comprise streaming media associated components.